

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
*September 17, 2007*

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member Ruth E. Shedd. Also present were: Deputy Auditor Dawn Rivera, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

President Benson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Knochel move to approve the minutes from September 4, 2007 meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***ACCOUNTS PAYABLE***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for September 6, 7, 13, 14 and 17 as submitted.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

***HIGHWAY – Mike Spencer***

**Second Reading for Ordinance 2007-33-CM, Amending Tippecanoe Code Chapter 72 Schedule III Traffic Schedule regarding Stop Intersections**

No concerns regarding this ordinance.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2007-33-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Shedd;

Deputy Auditor Rivera recorded the vote:

Benson	Yes
Knochel	Yes
Shedd	Yes

Ordinance 2007-33-CM passes 3-0 on second reading.

**Award bids for Bridges 20, 91, 107, 118 and 179**

Assistant Director Spencer recommended approval for the following bridges:

Bridges 118 and 179

Wertz and Yates \$636,161.12

Bridge 107

Wertz and Yates \$458,386.72

Bridge 91

Wertz and Yates \$358,973.68

Bridge 20

Duncan Robertson \$515,378.00

- Commissioner Knochel moved to award the bridge contracts as presented, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Change Order #1 from Reith-Riley for County Road 300W at US52 was recommended for approval.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Change Order #1 for \$37,852 from Reith Riley, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Assistant Director Spencer presented a Utility maintenance Bond for approval from First Time Development Corporation in the amount of \$5,000 for work in the right-of-way

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Utility Maintenance Bond for work in the right-of-way for First Time Development, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Construction Engineering Agreements were recommended for approval for bridges 107, 118 and 179 with H. Stewart Kline.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Construction Engineering Agreements for Bridges 107, 118 and 179, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey***

Director Rebecca Humphrey discussed site selection for the Juvenile Facility. Publicly and privately owned sites were visited based on location, accessibility, acreage, esthetics, zoning, price, and probability of acquisition. She reported three possibilities were extensively evaluated to include: a privately owned property located on US 231 and SR 25, the former MailCode building, and an existing building on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The MailCode building presented expansion options and preliminary estimates proved considerable savings versus a new building. Director Humphrey requested approval from the Commissioners to further explore the feasibility of this building and determine the real cost of expansion and rehabilitation. She will also research traffic flow and public transportation services available and continue the facility development process. Director Humphrey suggested leasing with an option of purchase to further evaluate the possibilities of the center. While leasing the property, several youth services would be relocated to the building. This option will keep the county in line with the estimated timeframe of the youth center development.

Commissioner Benson reported members of the community are pushing the county to purchase an existing building and this would fulfill the request. Director Humphrey proposed the FOCUS, JAMS, and Juvenile Alternatives programs move to the new facility. Commissioner Knochel discouraged implementing a new tax to support this project. With all the other tax issues in the county, he encouraged exploring alternative funding in the budget.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to authorize Director Humphrey to pursue the lease on the MailCode building, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

### ***FIRST AMENDMENT TO JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT***

The County Redevelopment Commission adopted a resolution amending their development plan for the McCarty Southeast Industrial TIF area. This amendment will include the following projects for both the city and the county. Both parties will agree that these projects will be paid from TIF proceeds.

#### County

- Reconstruction/Widening 450 South from Concord Road to US 52
- Reconstruction/Widening 430 South from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Concord

#### City

- Reconstruction of 350 South from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Concord
- Reconstruction of Concord to US 52
- Install traffic signal at McCarty Lane and 500 East
- Development of the Burlowitz Park
- Extending Park East Boulevard
- Extending water main service near SIA
- Water tower on County Road 430 South

Area Plan Commission Director Fahey confirmed these projects are supported by the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the first amendment to the Joint Economic Development Agreement, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

### ***PROPOSED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2008***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist presented the proposed holiday schedule for 2008 calendar year. Commissioner Shedd proposed a half day on December 24, 2008.

Deputy Prosecutor Kristen McVey recommended the Prosecutor's office close on Lincoln's Birthday and Columbus Day along with the courts. She added with the fifty employees in the Prosecutor's office redeeming their two personal days each year for these holidays, the Prosecutor's office loses 100 days of productivity.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the 2008 Holiday Schedule with the addition of a half-day off on December 24, 2008, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Commissioner Knochel recommended investigating the closure of the courts on Lincoln's Birthday and Columbus Day to decide on closing the entire courthouse.

### ***ADOPTION OF TRAVEL POLICY***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist presented the travel policy. The following topics were discussed:

- Travel outside Indiana should be pre-approved (unchanged)
- Guest/family accompanying family outside Indiana (unchanged)
- Mileage rate (unchanged)
- Individual authorization for travel reimbursements (unchanged)
- Meals (unchanged)
- Travel Expense Reports (change “all travel expense reports and claims submitted to the auditor within 30 days of travel” to “it is recommended all travel expense reports and claims submitted to the auditor within 30 days)
- Meals/Snacks (unchanged)
- Meals reimbursed for same day travel (unchanged)

Attorney Luhman suggested the commissioners include “alternative travel arrangements that are pre-authorized by the county”.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the travel policy with the changes discussed, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

#### ***APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMON WAGE BOARD***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Dave Lahr to the Common Wage Board for Purdue University, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

#### ***UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS***

None

#### ***REPORTS ON FILE***

Mail & Duplicating  
 Veteran’s Office  
 County Community Corrections Board

#### ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Forrest Crawford – 4670 East 500 North, Crawfordsville – Mr. Crawford presented petitions from friends and family of the victims killed on County Road 700 East and State Road 28 intersection. The petitioner’s are requesting rumble strips be installed to warn travelers of the upcoming intersection. He has contacted the Indiana Department of Transportation requesting an investigation for the area.

Mike Parks from the Highway Department reported “STOP AHEAD” signs are located on 700 East and the department has plans to further investigate the situation.

Mike Crawford – 4670 East 500 North, Crawfordsville – Mr. Crawford reported the Journal and Courier confirmed 1100 cars on average travel County Road 700 East daily. He also noted County Road 700 East is traveled frequently by residents of Crawfordsville traveling to Lafayette.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to accept the petitions made on behalf of the friends and family of those killed on County Road 700 East and forward to the Highway Department, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

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KD Benson, President

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John L. Knochel, Vice President

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Ruth E. Shedd, Member

**ATTEST:**

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Jennifer Weston, Auditor